

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
March, 2008
Montana

Caseload

- 5,261 children were served this month in this program
- 3,245 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 8.1% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 23.6% of all families served

Children

- 87.6% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.5% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 125 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 25.6% of all children served
- White children accounted for 78.3% of all children served

Families

- 78.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.9% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 89.1% of families were headed by a single parent
- 12.1% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$360 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.1% of the cost and the program paid 90.9%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$399
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$242
- 82.8% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Meagher County at \$760 per child
- Sanders County ranks first in relative care statewide with 64.7% of all children cared for by relatives.